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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>In re</i> Application of)	
)	Group Art Unit: 1652
SNYDER <i>et al.</i>)	
)	Examiner: Elizabeth Slobodyansky
Serial No. 09/889,609)	
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Filed: December 12, 2001)	Atty. Dkt. No. 001107.00171
For: MAMMALIAN SERINE RACEMASE		

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2003 in the application referenced above. We believe no fee is due to make this paper timely filed. If a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

This paper originally was filed December 29, 2003; however, that paper inadvertently referred to the application with the wrong serial number. The paper filed December 29 and this paper otherwise are identical.

Claims 1-38 are pending. Claims 1-6, 9-15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28, and 31-38 stand rejected. Claims 7, 8, 16, 19, 22, 25, 26, 29, and 30 are objected to.

Please enter the following amendments.